

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. New claims 50-101 are pending. Claims 1-49 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejection of claims 1-11, 13-33 and 35-49 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-11, 13-33 and 35-49 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,677,955 to Doggett *et al.* ("Doggett") and US Patent 5,897,625 to Gustin *et al.* ("Gustin").

Claims 1-11, 13-33 and 35-49 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of the new claims.

If the Examiner believes there are any issues which may be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (202)508-5800 is respectfully solicited. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1458, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

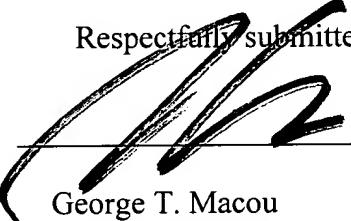
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